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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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August 8, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Healthy Michigan Plan Operational Protocols

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a letter (L 17-16) dated April 26, 2017 to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, providing notice of intent to submit three operational protocols to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). These protocols are required pursuant to the State's Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver known as the Healthy Michigan Plan.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding revisions MDHHS is proposing to the current MI Health Account and the Healthy Behaviors Incentives Program operational protocols, and the new Healthy Michigan Plan Marketplace Option operational protocol. As stated in letter L 17-16, the new operational protocol discusses delivery system changes for certain Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries, specifically, how beneficiaries will become eligible for and enroll in coverage through a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) participating on the federal marketplace or a health plan meeting the criteria for QHP certification. It also provides information on cost-sharing, benefits and appeals. Revisions to the protocols and development of a new protocol align with the Special Terms and Conditions associated with the December 17, 2015, approval of the Healthy Michigan Plan Waiver Amendment. MDHHS will make all three protocols available for review on its website at www.michigan.gov/healthmichiganplan by August 8, 2017.

The anticipated effective date of the changes to the Healthy Michigan Plan is April 1, 2018. Because Native American beneficiaries are not required to enroll in managed care plans, and many are exempt from cost-sharing requirements, MDHHS anticipates that these protocol changes will have minimal impact on Native Americans.

MDHHS will hold a conference call on August 28, 2017 at 3:00 pm with the Tribal Chairs and Health Directors, as well as other stakeholders. This conference call will allow for an opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions, revisions, or objections regarding the protocols.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this protocol submission. Input is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this Notice of Intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan Tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-284-4034, or via email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input by September 7, 2017.**

If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a consultation meeting, please contact Lorna Elliott-Egan at the telephone number or email address provided above.

MDHHS appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Priest".

Chris Priest, Director
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